Trade agreement with Morocco

3639. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that India and Morocco have recently signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen bilateral trade and boost the Indian exports to Morocco; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the Memorandum?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KURSHEED): (a) and (b) The Federation of Indian Export Organisations, New Delhi and the Casablanca Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Morocco signed a Memorandum of Understaning (MOU) at Casablanca on the 25th November, 92. According to the MOU both the Organisations have agreed to promote bilateral trade, exchange inromation pertaining to exports, imports and related policies, publish information of exporters and importers by each other and to promote and assist each other for exchange of business delegations, seminars and other activities.

World bank loan for tea industry

3640. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state-

(a) whether it is a fact that the Tea Industry in the country is looking for the World Bank loan for increasing the area of plantation of tea for export; and

(b) if so, what is the response from the World Bank for the demand for loan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI SALMAN KURSHEED): (a) and (b) No proposal for development of tea industry has so far been posed to the World Bank for their financing.

Export to E.C.C. Countries

3641. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the value of India's exports to European Community countries;

(b) whether the European Community countries intend to adopt ISO 9000 certificates or BIS 14000 for trade from 1993;

(c) if so, how many Indian companies have so far been able to get this certificate;

(d) the details of the specific requirements of this certificate; and

(e) India's strategy to help Indian producers to get this certificate?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE.MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) Rs. 11,857.76 crores in 1991-92 and Rs. 5,681.98 crores from April, 1992 to August, 1992.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) So far twenty two companies have obtained the Quality System certificate.

(d) To obtain the certificate, a company should document and implement the procedures for all activities affecting Quality.

(e) BIS has introduced Quality Systems Certification Scheme through the Bureau of Indian Standards Act, 1986. To assist the industry towards preparation for certification, BIS has started a number of pre-certification services in understanding and implementing the requirements of ISO 9000/IS:14000 series of Standards.

Proposals cleared by FIPB

3642. SHRI DIPEN GHOSH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals cleared by the FIPB, so far;